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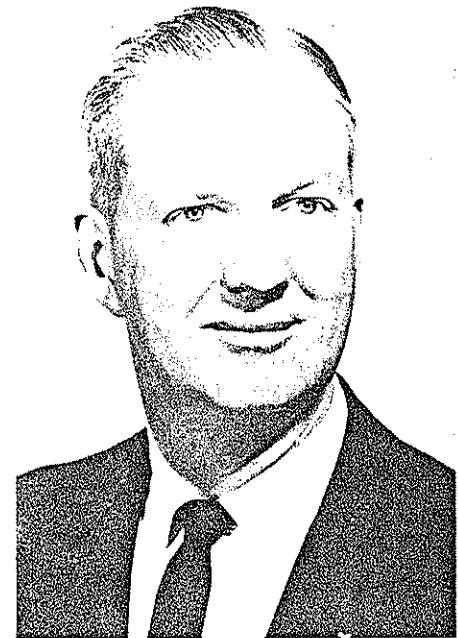
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ALTA SPEAKER
AT
WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday, September 27
Oglebay Park, Wheeling

The President of the Library Board at East Brunswick, New Jersey, will discuss issues of interest to laymen who serve as trustees for public libraries. The Alliance, Ohio native is Director of Organization Relationships Service, Boy Scouts of America, and Chairman of the Mid Atlantic Section of the American Library Trustees Association.

A graduate of Mount Union College, Mr. Hess served as a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy and commanded an LST in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II. His service with the Boy Scouts has included staff positions at Louisville, Kentucky, Portsmouth, Ohio, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Rochester, Minnesota, where he was Scout Executive.



James A. Hess

He remembers Dr. Earl Core from early hiking days, and particularly looks forward to sojourning again at Oglebay. We hope a representative group of trustees will be there to welcome him!

Though the elegant new Ohio County Public Library building across from the County Courthouse should be an adequate drawing card, a lively program is also offered:

Thursday evening, a panel discussion on legislative action chaired by Sam Harshbarger features W. T. Brotherton, President of West Virginia Senate, George Seibert, Minority Leader of the House of

Delegates, Charles Steele, Wheeling City Manager, and Carl Bradford, Director of Federal-State Relations.

Mr. Hess speaks at the Friday luncheon and the afternoon session will dwell on Intellectual Freedom with Philip Imroth of University of Pittsburgh discussing the Supreme Court's Obscenity decisions.

The Trustees special section meeting will hold forth on Saturday morning under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Johnson of the Wood County Board

TRANSITION
IN
LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Governor Arch Moore's appointment of Mrs. Samuel Trocin of Huntington to the West Virginia Library Commission for a four year term was an announcement of early August.

Mrs. Trocin replaces Mrs. Jane Glaser of Charleston. Chagrin was felt all across Marion County when Joe Hoffman, who has served as President of the County Library Board, resigned to take an editorial post with Ogden newspapers in Wheeling. He is replaced on the board by Mrs. Samuel Stillings of Mannington. A great loss was experienced by the Calhoun County Library Board with the death of Mrs. Nelle Hamilton of Calhoun County.

Welcome is extended to a new library board appointed by Mayor William Gibson in Nitro: Steve West, Sharon Pennington, Connie Townsend, and David Hart.

A six column feature of the Ravenswood News lauded the work of Attorney Perry O'Brien who calls his twenty years work for Alpha Regional and Jackson County Libraries a form of "recreation".

A Japanese garden will serve as a memorial on the grounds of the new Ohio County Library to honor former Trustee, James Alexander Holloway, who died in 1961. He was a fund raiser for Ohio County's new building.

NEWS
AMONG LIBRARIANS

Reporting back from the trainee program for graduate students of library science are two West Virginians. One is Jim Fields of Cabell County who has recently received his degree from the University of Kentucky's Library School. Jim will assume some of Judy Rule's duties in Adult Services. On September 4th, Russell Foster reported for duty as Director of Alpha Regional Library in Spencer replacing Mrs. Lucile McNary who retires about the first of October. Russ completed his library science training at Florida State University in June and then competently filled in several slots at the Commission during the summer. Mrs. Brooke Robinson, who has directed both the McDowell Library at Welch and the Bluefield Public Library, has retired a second time to be at home with her husband.

Two new librarians from out-of-state deserve a welcome: hailing originally from New Jersey, Joel W. Beane heads the Kingwood Public Library upon completion of his library science training at Kentucky; from way out west in Elko, Nevada, Boyd Fulton Plumley has trekked to Keyser where he replaces Mary F. Shipper as Potomac State College Librarian. Mary Shipper, a Martinsburg gal, has served many long years at Keyser.

STATE-WIDE
GOVERNOR'S
CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 8

Edwin Newman, NBC Newscaster, heads a list of notables for the program of the first Governor's Conference on Public Libraries. Other speakers include Robert Wedgeworth, Executive Secretary of the American Library Association, and Mrs. Mary Love, State Librarian of Mississippi. Deadline for the filing of reservations is September 27th.

The gala will be presented in the Civic Center Arena with free box lunches provided and the finale will be a Governor's Reception in the Rotunda of the Capitol Building. We hope 2,000 will attend this special day to testify to our conviction that West Virginia's public libraries should go first class for a change.

NEW LIBRARY
CONSTRUCTION

Six major library construction projects moved ahead this summer to encouraging levels of development. Pleasants County Board at St. Marys has hired Si Silling to design their \$150,000 project.

Clarksburg unveiled its new building design with a well attended gathering featuring a model of the building designed by the firm of Marcel Breuer. Hamilton Smith, a native of Harrison County, represented the architectural firm. A very handsome brochure was distributed at the affair. Contact Merle Moore, librarian, for a copy. Also launched more definitely is the Raleigh County building, a \$1,200,000 structure to be constructed at Beckley where R. D. Kananui is the architect. Putnam County Library, to be constructed in the Heck's shopping center in Winfield, is in design stages with Donald Moses as the architect (a \$305,000 project).

Nearing completion are two projects in Jackson County at Ripley and Ravenswood where the library board has asked the County Court for \$50,000 in equipment grants. Bluefield has been under roof for several weeks and Luella Dye reports she hopes to open by the new year.

James Nelson, Director of Cabell County, has cut proposed costs on new buildings planned by one million dollars. Hoyt Galvin, building consultant, suggested sharp reduction of footage requirements. A welcome switch for the taxpayer!

INSTANT LIBRARIES
CROPPING UP

A summer's harvest of Instant Libraries can be reported. Webster Springs opened for service on September 10th with Mrs. Susan Moore as library clerk. It had been preceded by an opening at Man and South Parkersburg.

To open in October are a module at Hamlin and Paden City. In various stages of readiness are octagon shaped buildings at Blacksville, Fort Gay, and Rainelle. Chester and Petersburg are next in line for these attractive little buildings. Try to visit one soon!

See you at Oglebay Park and Charleston Civic Center!!

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